

# School Business Alert

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This is a quick email to let you know the new items that have been added to the Department of Education's website related to school finance. If your system does not allow you to follow the links below, use the search feature on the DE's homepage or the A to Z programs list on the DE's homepage to locate the items.

## **Special Education Maintenance of Effort Reduction**

On the DE Website, you will find materials to be used in a future webinar dealing with the use of IDEA Part B ARRA funds and the procedures utilized to record the MOE reduction process within the accounting records during this school year. Please feel free to review the materials at your leisure or use them for any planning. This information can be found on the Department of Education's website at:

[http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=604&Itemid=1598](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=604&Itemid=1598) Scroll down to the heading "ARRA webinar materials."

## **Uniform Administrative Procedures Manual**

The UAP manual is being updated to the 2009 Code of Iowa. The manual will combine the former LEA and AEA manuals into one manual. As each chapter is updated, it is posted to the website at:

[http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1629&Itemid=2439](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1629&Itemid=2439)

When all chapters have been updated to the 2009 Code of Iowa, the Department will review each chapter again to update it for the legislation enacted during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions and for recently released opinions of the Attorney General.

## **CAR Data**

The historical fiscal data for the FY06, FY07, FY08 and FY09 are now on the website in excel format, as well as the non-fiscal data for FY06, FY07 and FY08. Non-fiscal data was not required to be reported in FY09. View at this location:

[http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1621&Itemid=2408](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1621&Itemid=2408)

## **CAR Application Update**

The Department is currently in transition to opening the 2010 Test CAR application to the testing group. We anticipate a testing period of approximately two weeks and then anticipate opening the test site for all districts. Districts and AEAs will be notified when it is available. The applications for both the CAR – 2009 Upload and Reports and the CAR – 20XX Test Records have temporarily been disabled on the EDINFO site. Prior CAR information is available on the department's web site at

[http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1621&Itemid=2408](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1621&Itemid=2408). Scroll down to the separate Excel workbooks for each fiscal year.

## **Disaster Assistance Coding**

Several Iowa counties have recently been declared disaster areas. Following are the source and project codes for the State and Federal disaster funds districts will receive. If the reimbursement is for expenditures appropriate to the General Fund, these revenues and expenditures may also be accounted for in the General Fund. Many of the past disasters have been facility-related disasters, but this year there are more operating expenditures involved in the disaster declaration.

- State share – 3272, Iowa disaster assistance (IC 29C.6(17)) (Generally PPEL Fund, Disaster Recovery Fund, or Capital Projects Fund)
- Federal share – 4566, Public Assistance Grants (FEMA Disaster Assistance) (CFDA 97.036 (Generally PPEL Fund, Disaster Recovery Fund, or Capital Projects Fund))

## **Teacher Salary Supplement Questions and Answers**

The FAQ on the TSS is included in the FAQ group called “2009-10 State Budget Cuts” on the Department of Education's website:

[http://www.iowa.gov/educate/support/index.php?\\_m=knowledgebase&\\_a=view&Itemid=2457](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/support/index.php?_m=knowledgebase&_a=view&Itemid=2457)